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(ii) to state—

(a) how many of the offices have only one permanent clerk;

(b) how many of the sub-registrars are special magistrates and whether such sub-registrars have special establishment for doing the clerical work involved in carrying out magisterial duties;

(c) if there is serious excess over the standard work, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate clerical establishment in the Registration offices;

(d) what is the number of hours of work a day required by standing orders from clerks in the Registration offices and what has been the actual average number of hours of attendance by each clerk in the several Sub-Registration offices in South Kanara in 1927–28;

(e) whether it is a fact that applications for encumbrance certificates have increased considerably and whether there is delay in meeting the public demand owing to the additional burden on the permanent establishment; and

(f) what steps have been taken or are being taken to relieve the strain to the existing permanent establishment in meeting the public demand?

A.—A report has been called for.

Industries

Grant of the first loan to the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

*505 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government was aware when the first loan was granted what amount of money was required for the working capital of the Carnatic Paper Mills;

(b) whether the Government desired to advance the working capital also when the first loan was made;

(c) if so, why the amount was not lent; and

(d) if not, why the first loan was granted when the Government was satisfied that the mills were not likely to work at all for want of capital?

A.—(a) No; but the Company applied for six lakhs of rupees to discharge certain existing debts and provide a small working capital which they hoped to supplement by raising further share capital.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The questions do not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Irrigation

Alleged memorial about the Kattalai scheme to His Excellency the Governor from the ryots and mirasidars of Trichinopoly and other taluks.

506 *Q.*—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial was presented to His Excellency the Governor in the first week of September 1928, signed by a large number of ryots and mirasidars of the Kadaramabam parts of the Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks;